

**MINUTES**  
**JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES**  
**AND BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PRESENTATION OF BUDGET TO JOINT BOARDS**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2014**

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo called the special meeting to order at **6:31 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

**BURGESSES:**

T. K. Rossi	R. Neth
M. Bronko	A. Olbrys, arr. 8:09 p.m.
R. Burns	P. Scully, Sr.
C. Ernsky, arr. 6:41 p.m.	R. Vitale
L. Jackson, absent	

**PRESS:**

L. Marshall  
P. Singley

**RESIDENTS:**

Four

**FINANCE BOARD:**

A. Bottinick	D. Scinto
J. Branco Sampaio	D. Sheridan, Jr.
A. Campbell	S. Stirk
K. Kiernan, absent	
A. Pistarelli, absent	

**ALTERNATES:**

W. McAllister, arr. 7:12 p.m.  
J. Savarese  
D. Wisniewski

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

S. Locke, BOE Superintendent  
C. Montini, BOE Asst. Superintendent  
B. Rizk, BOE Asst. Business Manager  
P. Porciello, Assistant Controller

**OTHERS:**

J. Jordan, Board of Education  
D. Heller, BOE Chairman

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto who appointed D. Wisniewski in the absence of K. Kiernan and J. Savarese in the absence of A. Pistarelli.
4. Chairwoman Scinto stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:**

**Administrative**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$262,149**.

**M. Bronko, A. Campbell and D. Scinto in favor.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$2,000 Municipal Code reduction) in the amount of **\$260,149**.

**M. Bronko and A. Campbell opposed.**

**C. Ernsky arrived 6:41 p.m.**

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**Town Hall Building**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$136,712.

**Town Wide Activity**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$188,210.

**P. Scully opposed.**

**Department of Finance**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$350,768.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$3,000 payroll reduction) in the amount of \$347,768.

**Probate Court**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,860.

**Motion rescinded.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$2,500 scanning reduction) in the amount of \$17,360.

**Elections**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,531.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$740 computer supplies reduction, \$300 machine custodian reduction, \$40 conference and dues reduction) in the amount of \$93,451.

**D. Scinto opposed.**

**Motion rescinded.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$300 machine custodian reduction, \$40 conference and dues reduction) in the amount of \$94,191.

**Tax Department**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$220,547.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

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**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$350 school allowance reduction, \$150 car allowance reduction, \$15 conference/dues reduction) in the amount of \$220,032.

**Property Assessment**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$203,431.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$1,686 maintenance agreement reduction, \$600 overtime reduction, \$559 postage reduction, \$500 Board of Assessment Appeals reduction, \$250 gas and oil reduction, \$100 printing reduction, \$68 departmental supplies reduction) in the amount of \$199,668.

**W. McAllister arrived 7:12 p.m.**

Chairman Scinto appointed W. McAllister in the vacancy of J. Tavares.

**Building Inspector**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$206,324.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$300 cell phones reduction, \$200 conference and dues reduction, \$50 safety equipment reduction) in the amount of \$205,774.

**Information Technology**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$219,553.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$1,200 internet services reduction, \$500 operating supplies reduction, \$250 software changes reduction, \$200 replacement of equipment reduction) in the amount of \$217,403.

**Town Clerk**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$167,998.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

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**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$200 departmental supplies reduction) in the amount of \$167,798.

**Downtown Development**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of 220,800.

**Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.  
C. Ernsky opposed.

**Prospect Street School Building Maintenance**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$54,980.  
Motion unanimously opposed.

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$14,980 reduction) in the amount of \$40,000.

**Land Use**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$114,784.  
Motion unanimously opposed.

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$500 soil conservation reduction, \$100 gas and oil reduction) in the amount of \$114,184.

**Legal Department**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$283,000.

**Estimated Wage Increases**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$52,000.

**Human Resources**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$85,651.  
Motion unanimously opposed.

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**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$2,525 VNA & professional development reduction, \$475 PR certification eliminated for assistant reduction) in the amount of **\$82,151**.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**For the record:**

**T.K. Rossi:** “I fought for this program and there was discussion of a replacement program. I’ve been very outspoken about the fact that we should not have any kind of gap in the two programs. I’ve been supporting DARE all along. It just makes me sick to see that we have a year of students that are going to miss out on this.”

**Police Department**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$6,428,398**.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$12,200 part time help reduction, \$9,117 training in service school reduction, \$8,000 overtime reduction, \$4,324 firearms reduction, \$3,655 DARE reduction, \$3,200 medical supplies reduction, \$1,000 crossing guards reduction) in the amount of **\$6,384,788**.

**A. Campbell, T. K. Rossi, J. Sampaio and R. Vitale opposed.**

**Fire Department**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$3,994,001**.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**A. Olbrys arrived 8:09 p.m.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$12,000 protective clothing reduction, \$2,000 electricity reduction, \$1,200 gas and utilities reduction, \$1,000 copier maintenance reduction, \$700 water reduction) in the amount of **\$3,977,101**.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FOR:**

Mayor Mezzo	D. Wisniewski
A. Bottinick	R. Burns
D. Sheridan	C. Ernsky
S. Stirk	R. Neth
J. Savarese	

**OPPOSED:**

D. Scinto  
T. K. Rossi  
J. Sampaio  
A. Campbell  
W. McAllister  
M. Bronko  
P. Scully  
R. Vitale

**ABSTAIN:**

A. Olbrys

**Motion carried 9-8-1**

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**EMS/Ambulance**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **EMS/Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$0.

**Office of Emergency Management**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,000.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,900.

**Eastside Fire Station**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$16,250.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$750 electricity reduction, \$500 building repairs reduction) in the amount of \$15,000.

**A. Campbell, T.K. Rossi and R. Vitale opposed.**

**Safety Patrol**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$300 reduction) in the amount of \$700.

**M. Bronko left 8:20 p.m.**

**Fire/Police**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**M. Bronko was not present for the vote.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$100 reduction) in the amount of \$900.

**M. Bronko was not present for the vote.**

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**M. Bronko returned 8:23 p.m.**

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:**

**Social Services**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000.

**Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$75,130.

**Visiting Nurses Association**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$377,212.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$5,822 CHAP audit reduction, \$3,865 clothing reduction, \$1,000 social worker reduction, \$1,000 copier reduction, \$225 shredder reduction) in the amount of \$365,300.

**Water Pollution Control Authority**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,416,352.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FOR:**

Mayor Mezzo  
D. Scinto  
T. K. Rossi  
J. Sampaio  
S. Stirk  
D. Wisniewski  
R. Neth  
P. Scully

**OPPOSED:**

A. Bottinick  
A. Campbell  
D. Sheridan  
W. McAllister  
J. Savarese

**ABSTAIN:**

M. Bronko  
R. Burns  
C. Ernsky  
A. Olbrys  
R. Vitale

None

**Motion failed 8-10-0**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$70,492 service fees addition, \$6,876 collection system fee addition) in the amount of \$6,493,720.

**Mayor Mezzo, J. Sampaio and D. Scinto opposed.**

**Senior Center**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$82,481.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

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Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$500 repairs to building reduction, \$200 departmental supplies reduction, \$100 conference and dues reduction, \$50 municipal agent reduction) in the amount of \$81,631.

**Chairwoman Scinto recessed the meeting at 8:44 p.m.**

**Chairwoman Scinto reconvened the meeting at 8:54 p.m.**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,655,969.  
**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$25,000 regular payroll reduction, \$14,000 electricity reduction, \$4,597 flail mower reduction, \$4,500 mowing reduction, \$4,000 land improvements reduction, \$2,316 lime, seed, fertilizer reduction, \$2,000 departmental supplies reduction, \$2,000 longevity allowance reduction, \$1,000 repairs to building reduction, \$1,000 golf cart maintenance reduction) in the amount of \$4,595,556.  
**R. Vitale opposed.**

**Engineering Department**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$311,332.  
**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$8,000 environmental testing and compliance reduction, \$5,000 phase II storm water reduction, \$1,000 gas & oil reduction, \$250 Ricoh copy paper reduction) in the amount of \$297,682.

**DEBT SERVICE:**

**Debt Service**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,173,213.  
**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$10,000 bond anticipation notes reduction) in the amount of \$4,163,213.

**PENSIONS:**



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**Pensions**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,521,186.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$21,186 social security reduction) in the amount of \$9,500,000.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL:**

**Insurance**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,399,591.

**A. Bottinick and D. Scinto opposed.**

**R. Vitale left 9:45 p.m.**

**Community Services**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$973,525.

**R. Vitale was not present for the vote.**

**R. Vitale returned 9:46 p.m.**

**General**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,263,115.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **General Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$7,457 street lighting reduction, \$ 5,000 settlement legal claims reduction) in the amount of \$1,250,658.

**Reserve Fund**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,422,287.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$172,500 North Main Street siphon reduction, \$37,000 Fire Department exterior repairs reduction, \$35,000 town wide fuel gas system reduction, \$24,000 parks building roof repair, \$14,733 golf cart rotation reduction) in the amount of \$1,139,054.

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**Contingency**

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$350,000.

**Board of Education**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$61,100,000.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (\$187,000 reduction) in the amount of \$60,913,000.

**C. Ernsky and D. Sheridan opposed.**

**J. Savarese abstained.**

**Revenues**

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$112,913,093.

**Motion unanimously opposed.**

**For the record:**

**Mayor Mezzo:** “That reduces the fund balance revenue by the amount that we reduced from the reserve fund, adds in the pilot money and adds in the Jesse Camilles rent.”

**VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$112,913,093.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by M. Bronko and seconded by R. Neth that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **10:42 p.m.**

**A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.**

**Attest:**

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Nancy K. DiMeo  
Borough Clerk